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SUBJECT: MBFR: SEPTEMBER 13 SPC DISCUSSION OF SECTION

III (NEGOTIATING STRATEGY)

REF: A. USNATO 4183; B. STATE 179890

1. SENIOR POLADS COMPLETED FURTHER REVIEW OF SECTIN III (TEXT
REF A). SOME OF CHANGES SUGGESTED REF B ACCEPTED.

2. FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE KEYED TO IS TEXT:

PARA 1. COMMITTEE ACCEPTED THE TERM "SAY" IN PARENTHETICAL
PHRASE IN FIRST SENTENCE. UK REP SAID HE WOULD REFER SUGGESTION
TO LONDON, BUT HE RETAINED THE BRACKETS. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION,
DUTCH REP GAVE REPORT OF RECENT COMMENT BY POLISH OFFICIALS IN
WARSAW THAT THEY WANTED THE MBFR TALKS TO GET DOWN TO SUBSTANTIVE
BUSINESS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

PARA 6. COMMITTEE ACCEPTED US SUGGESTIONS.

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PARA 13. ITALIAN REP SAID HE COULD ACCEPT "700,000" FIGURE
IF IT WERE PRECEDED BY WORD "ABOUT." US REP ACCEPTED THIS
CHANGE. UK AND DUTCH REPS CONTINUED TO ARGUE THAT IT WOULD BE
UNWISE AND UNNECESSARY TO MENTION THIS FIGURE TOO EARLY IN NEGO-

TIATIONS. US REP, SUPPORTED BY FRG, SAID THAT ONCE ALLIES
MENTION THE COMMON CEILING CONCEPT THEY WILL INEVITABLY BE PRESSED
TO ILLUSTRATE THE NUMERICAL DIMENSIONS OF THIS CONCEPT. PRESENT
BRACKETED ALTERNATIVES WILL REMAIN, ALTHOUGH UK REP SAID HE WULD
SEEK INSTRUCTIONS IN LIGHT OF NEW PARA 17 IN SECTION II.

PARAS 16 THROUTH 18. ITALIAN REP AGREED WITH US REP'S
ARGUMENTATION FOR APPROACH OUTLINED IN THESE PARAGRAPHS AND HE
AGREED TO DROP HIS BRACKETED ALTERNATIVES.

3. SINCE FOREGOING CHANGES ARE MINIMAL, WE WILL NOT RPT NOT
TRANSMIT A NEW REVISED TEXT OF ENTIRE SECTION III.
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